

State of Maine
Department of Education

Gifted and Talented Educational Program
Application for One-Year Waiver
2015-16

Gifted and Talented Educational Program Waiver Applications are to be submitted electronically to GT.DOE@maine.gov by September 30, 2015.

Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, Chapter 311, section 8101-A(3) states:

Waivers. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school administrative unit (SAU) that did not operate a gifted and talented program in the 2011-12 school year may apply to the Commissioner for a one-year waiver of this requirement if full implementation of this requirement presents an undue burden. The Commissioner may grant the SAU a waiver upon receipt of an application from the SAU that includes the basis for the waiver request. Financial hardship is one criterion the Commissioner must consider in determining whether to grant a waiver. The Commissioner has the authority to grant a one-year waiver to a SAU and a one-year waiver extension. Any additional request for extensions must be submitted and reviewed on an annual basis.

School administrative unit name:

St. George MSU

Name and title of person responsible for gifted and talented program:

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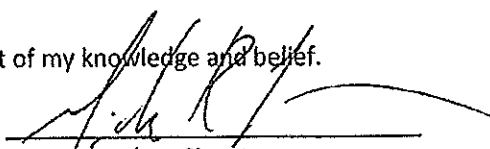
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CERTIFICATION:

The statements made herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mike Felton

Superintendent Name(printed)


Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE:

12/11/2015

Check Reason(s) for Waiver Request:

☐ Financial Hardship

☒ Other

☐ Partial Program Waiver Request

☒ Full Program Waiver Request

Please completely describe the basis for the SAU's one-year waiver request and further describe how the SAU is meeting the needs of the gifted and talented population in your district:

The St. George School is a new school district. We have just withdrawn from RSU 13. We are working this year on launching the process of becoming a fully-implemented EL education school. We would like to request a waiver for this year's application so that we can concentrate this year on putting together a program that meshes well with the EL education model. We would like therefore to submit an application for a program that would begin in September 2016.

The EL education model focuses on providing all children with challenging learning opportunities targeted to meeting their particular needs. The model includes 'Learning Expeditions,' which are in-depth, interdisciplinary units that emphasize higher order thinking skills. We anticipate that our curricular approach will meet the needs of almost all children identified as 'gifted and talented (GT)'.

We will provide additional programming, however, for any identified students whose needs are not met through learning expeditions. Our screening process will include at least three indicators as to who these students are. We are working on developing our screening process as well as programming that will serve the needs of all identified students. We anticipate additional programming for those gifted in the arts as well as academics whose needs are not met through learning expeditions and other classroom programming.

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